REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I.   STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 13, 14, 17, and 18, h are independent. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13, 17 and 18 are hereby amended. Claims 15 and 16 are canceled without any prejudice and disclaimer to the subject matter.

No new matter has been introduced. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II.   REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101 and §102(e)

Claims 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. US 7,099,288 to Parker et al. (hereinafter, merely "Parker").

III.   RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"A network system, comprising:

... **wherein said client terminal generates a request message
that contains an IP address of said client terminal, and said
client terminal sends the request message to said host terminal
via a transmission mail server,**

**wherein said host terminal acquires the request message via a
reception mail server, said host terminal extracts the IP
address of said client terminal from a description content of
the request message, said host terminal stores the extracted IP
address in a table, said host terminal selects at least one IP
address from the table and generates a reply message
containing the selected at least one IP address, and said host
terminal sends out the reply message to said client terminal via
the transmission mail server.**" (Emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, Parker relates to a user system that uses a called

number to establish a telephone call over a public telephone network to a called party. In

response to the telephone call, the user system transfers a data call request to a server system

over a public data network. The server system uses the called telephone number to check a

database to determine if the called party is ready to receive data calls. If the called party is ready

and accepts the data call, the server system exchanges computer data between the caller and

called parties over the public data network.

First, Applicant submits that Parker fails to disclose or suggest the transmission

mail server as claimed in claim 1, "<u>wherein said client terminal generates a request message that</u>

<u>contains an IP address of said client terminal, and said client terminal sends the request message</u>

<u>to said host terminal via a transmission mail server</u>", (emphasis added). The Office Action (see

pages 3 and 4) cites column 2, lines 4-5 of Parker, "mail server with an easy to remember

domain name acts as intermediary between two individual users", to disclose the transmission

mail server of Applicant's. Applicant submits that Parker's mail server with an easy to

remember domain name also servers as the central server as disclosed in column 4, lines 10-15

of Parker (central server with logical name such as www.sprint.exchange.com) in contrast with

Applicant's transmission server is separate from the host terminal. Applicant respectfully

submits that Parker fails to anticipate the above-identified features of claim 1.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable.

Second, Applicant submits that Parker fails to anticipate "said host terminal stores

the extracted IP address in a table", as recited in claim 1 (emphasis added). The Office Action

(page 4) cites unit 30 in Figure 3 to disclose "said host terminal stores the extracted IP address in

a table". Applicant submits that Parker's server adds new users to the database or updates user

status upon registration message in contrast with Applicant's host terminal that stores the

extracted IP address upon receiving a request for peer-to-peer communication. Applicant

submits that Parker does not teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that Parker fails to anticipate "sends the reply

message to said client terminal via the transmission mail server", as recited in claim 1 (emphasis

added). The Office Action (page 4) cites unit 31 in Figure 3 of Parker to disclose the above-

identified features of claim 1. Applicant submits that unit 31 in Figure 3 of Parker generates an

initial message that is forwarded to the desired users in contrast with Applicant's reply message

is sent back to the client terminal which requesting a peer-to-peer communication. Applicant

submits that Parks fails to anticipate the above-identified features of claim 1.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to or somewhat similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 2, 5, 8, 13, 14, 17, and 18 are also believed to be patentable.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 13, 14, 17, and 18 are patentable.

IV.   DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.
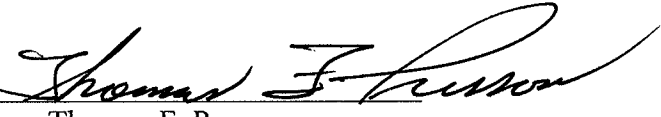
CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference, or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the

claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to

issue of the present application.

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